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SUBJECT: NASA EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITE (LANDSAT) INVESTIGATIONS PROGRAM

1. ON FEB. 12,1975, NASA FORWARDED PROVISIONS FOR PARTICIPATION TO MINISTRY OF MINES AND GEOLOGY FOR GOG SIGNATURE IN ORDER TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR IBRAHIMA SOUMAH TO PARTICIPATE AS A PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR IN LANDSAT PROGRAM. NASA HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY. PROVISIONS FORWARDED IN RESPONSE TO GOG INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL TO NASA.

2. TIME IS BECOMING IMPORTANT FACTOR. IN ESSENCE, NASA IS HOLDING OPEN A SEGMENT OF ITS SATELLITE DATA GATHERING CAPACITY PENDING GUINEA'S DECISION TO USE IT. HOWEVER, SINCE FORWARDING OF PROVISIONS, ONE OF TWO ONBOARD TAPE RECORDERS HAS FAILED, SEVERELY LIMITING COVERAGE CAPABILITY IN AREAS OUTSIDE RANGE OF EXISTING GROUND RECEIVING STATIONS. GUINEA IS SUCH AN AREA. MOREOVER, UNANTICIPATED HEAVY DEMANDS ON REMAINING TAPE RECORDER HAVE REDUCED

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EXPECTED LIFETIME. TO MAXIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF TEST SITE

COVERAGE, PROVISIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO NASA ASAP.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO GOG, AND
ADVISE NASA WHETHER THERE IS POSITIVE INDICATION OF INTENT

TO SIGN AND WHEN RECEIPT MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

4. REQUEST VERBAL EXPLANATION OF FOLLOWING TO GOG:
BECAUSE OF TAPE RECORDER CONSTRAINTS AND OTHER USER DEMANDS
NASA CANNOT RESERVE SATELLITE TIME FOR GUINEA
INDEFINITELY IN ABSENCE OF RECEIPT OF SIGNED PROVISIONS.
REQUEST RESPONSE FROM GOG IN SIX WEEKS. IF SIGNED
PROVISIONS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN TWO MONTHS, NASA
WILL BE FORCED TO CONCLUDE GOG NO LONGER INTERESTED
IN PURSUING INVESTIGATION AND WILL CONSIDER MATTER
CLOSED. " HOWEVER, HOPES ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE FINALIZED. SISCO

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